

paying the cost of same, by adding to said city charter of the city of El Paso Section 148a, inclusive, and by repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with such added sections, and to declare an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BEATY, Chairman.
Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, February 10, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 27, being "An Act for the relief of railway corporations and belt and suburban railway companies having charters granted or amended since the 1st day of January, 1887, and which have failed or are about to fail to construct their roads and branches or any part thereof within the time required by law."

And find the same correctly enrolled.

TERRELL, Chairman.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1905.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, President Pro Tem. Hanger in the chair.

Roll call, quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

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| Barrett. | Hill. |
| Beaty. | Holland. |
| Brachfield. | Looney. |
| Chambers. | Martin. |
| Davidson. | McKamy. |
| Faust. | Paulus. |
| Glasscock. | Skinner. |
| Griggs. | Smith. |
| Grinnan. | Stafford. |
| Hanger. | Stokes. |
| Harbison. | Stone. |
| Harper. | Terrell. |
| Hawkins. | Willacy. |
| Hicks. | |

Absent.

Decker.

Absent—Excused.

Faulk.
Hale.

Meachum.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. H. M. Sears.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Friday, on motion of Senator Stafford, the same was dispensed with.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Senator Looney offered the following petition:

To the Senate of the State of Texas.

Gentlemen: We, citizens of Plano, Texas, most earnestly petition and appeal to your honorable body to enact a law which shall give relief from the vicious features of the cold storage and clubs now operated in prohibition districts in this State.

Signed by seventy-five citizens.

Senator Hill offered the following memorial:

At a meeting of the Bar association of Reagan county, held at Stiles on Saturday, January 28, 1905, the following members were present: John Gardner, G. W. Shield, H. Japson, W. G. Bartlett, G. W. Tankersley and J. B. Lucas.

By request of the president, Hon. W. G. Bartlett stated that the object of the meeting was for the purpose of memorializing the Twenty-ninth Legislature to increase the pay of the District Judges of the State.

The president then appointed the following gentlemen a committee to prepare a suitable resolution, viz: H. Japson, G. W. Shield, W. G. Bartlett and G. W. Tankersley.

The committee presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, to wit:

To the Hon. John Gardner, President of the Bar Association of Reagan County:

We, your committee, beg to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this bar that the salaries of the District Judges of the State are wholly inadequate and insufficient for the services which the Judges are required to perform, and to meet the expenses necessarily incurred by them, and that we believe the salaries of the District Judges should be increased by law to at least \$3500 per annum.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. W. SHIELD, Chairman;
W. G. BARTLETT,
H. JAPSON,
G. W. TANKERSLEY.

Senator Hawkins offered the following petition:

To the Senate of the State of Texas.
Gentlemen: We, citizens of Odessa, Texas, most earnestly petition and appeal to your honorable body to enact a law which shall give the people relief from the vicious features of the cold storage and clubs now operated in prohibition districts in this State.

(Signed)

On behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Odessa, Texas,

MRS. LUCY H. WHITE, Pres.;
MRS. CLARA T. WHITE, Sec.

Senator Davidson offered the following memorial:

Paige, Texas, February 11, 1905.

Hon. Sir: As the House bill No. 37, known as the Blanton bill, will at an early date come before the House or Senate for its consideration, we, the citizens of Paige, Bastrop county, Texas, respectfully petition you to vote against it.

J. E. Pauls, secretary Paige F. and T. Gr. Asso.; F. Rohde, merchant; Ed C. Burgdorf, justice of the peace and druggist; W. H. Edds, jeweler; Aug. Rohde, barber; J. T. Reid, shoemaker; H. J. Ebner, bookkeeper; Hamff Bros., merchants; O. Morris, constable; D. A. Corder, lumber dealer; Dr. H. De Long, physician; A. H. Haverland, farmer; F. W. Sternenberg, postmaster; Chas. Kuhn, merchant; M. R. Shepherd, M. D.; Mr. H. Grothe.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Glasscock, Senator Faulk was excused from attendance upon the Senate from last Wednesday, up to and including today, on account of business.

On motion of Senator Brachfield, Senator Hale was excused from attendance upon the Senate today on account of business.

(Senator Willacy in the chair.)

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Hawkins (by request):

Senate bill No. 199, a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that all volumes constituting a portion of the records of any county organized prior to January 1, 1882, wherein are recorded deeds, mortgages or trust deeds or other muniments of title to real estate situated in such county, which volumes and records are now and since the 1st of January, 1882, have been constantly among the archives of such county as records thereof, shall be, and are declared to be in all respects lawful and valid records of such counties, respectively, for all purposes whatsoever relating to titles to real estate, and to provide that certified copies of instruments recorded in said volumes made in accordance with law shall have the force and effect that certified copies of original records have in organized counties and that same may be used for all lawful purposes for certified copies of original records in ordinary cases in organized counties.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senator Chambers:

Senate bill No. 200, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 548 of

the Revised Statutes of 1895, regulating the condemnation of property in cities and towns for the purpose of opening, widening and changing public streets, avenues and alleys, and for water mains, sewers, hospitals and pest houses, so as to regulate the condemnation of property, whether within or without such cities and towns, for the erection and construction thereon of supply reservoirs and standpipes for waterworks."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on City and Town Corporations.

By Senator Grinnan:

Senate bill No. 201, a bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district, to be known as the Ballinger independent school district, including within its limits the municipal corporation of the town of Ballinger, and to provide for the creation of a board of trustees thereof, and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect such special taxes, and conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers and authority to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same and to pay current expenses in the maintenance and support of said schools, and further prescribing the duties and authorities of said board."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Senator Davidson:

Senate bill No. 202, a bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 12 of the Acts of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, approved February 22, 1901, and to pass in lieu thereof this act: 'To license physicians and surgeons, and to regulate the practice of medicine, and to punish persons violating the provisions thereof in the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith.'"

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Harper:

Senate bill No. 203, a bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the issuance of bonds by counties, cities, towns and independent school districts, and the mode and manner of payment, and providing a penalty for a violation of the provisions of this act.

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Stafford (by request):

Senate bill No. 204, a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for a flouring mill inspector, to provide for his duties, powers and qualifications, and to provide a salary for his services."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Harbison:

Senate bill No. 205, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 92 of an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Sherman in Grayson county, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to provide for its government and management of its affairs,' passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature, as amended, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith, and to declare an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on City and Town Corporations.

By Senator Harbison:

Senate bill No. 206, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 91 of an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Sherman in Grayson county, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to provide for its government and management of its affairs,' passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature, as amended by an act of the Twenty-seventh Legislature entitled 'An Act to amend Sections 91, 93 and 176 of an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Sherman in Grayson county, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to provide for its government and management of its affairs,' passed by the Twenty-fourth Legislature,' and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on City and Town Corporations.

By Senators Looney and Hanger:

Senate bill No. 207, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 996 of Chapter 13, Title XXVII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Brachfield:

Senate bill No. 208, a bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the time of holding the courts in the Fourth Judicial District of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Griggs:

Senate bill No. 209, a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the creation and to provide for the operation of a State board of arbitration for the settlement of differences between employers and their employees, and to adjust industrial disputes."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Twenty-ninth Legislature,
Austin, Texas, February 14, 1905.

Hon. George D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

House bill No. 277, a bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Twenty-third, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Thirty-sixth and Forty-ninth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and to fix the time of holding courts therein, etc."

With engrossment rider.

House bill No. 373, a bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Kaufman county, Texas."

The request of the Senate for free conference committee was granted, and the Speaker announced the following committees on part of the House:

On Senate Bill No. 24—Messrs. Hudspeth, Gray, Johnson, Wilmeth and Cobbs.

On Senate Bill No. 25—Messrs. Harris, Hudspeth, Peeler, Hoskins and Onion.

Also,

House concurrent resolution No. 8, inviting the President of the United States to the city of Austin.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

House bill No. 373, to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

House bill No. 277 to Committee on Judicial Districts.

(See above House message for captions.)

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO 8—ADOPTION OF.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following:

House concurrent resolution No. 8:

Whereas, it has come to our knowledge that His Excellency, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States contemplates, at an early day, a visit to Texas; therefore be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that we hereby extend to the President, in the name of the people of Texas, whose wishes and sentiments we thereby express, a sincere and hearty welcome to our borders. We extend to him a cordial invitation to visit this the capital city of the State, and we hope that he will afford us the opportunity of greeting him here in our legislative halls.

Resolved further, That the Governor, the President of the Senate and the

Speaker of the House of Representatives be required to convey this invitation to the president.

The resolution was read, and on motion of Senator Glasscock, the resolution was adopted.

Morning call concluded.

SENATE BILL NO. 123—PASSAGE OF.

On motion of Senator Davidson, the regular order of business, Senate bill No. 60, was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 123.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

Senate bill No. 123, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3582a, Title LXXVa, of the Revised Statutes, as amended April 3, 1897, in regard to the Board of Pardon Advisers."

There being a majority and a minority committee report to the bill, on motion of Senator Davidson the minority report, which recommended that the bill do not pass, was tabled.

Bill read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Davidson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

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| Barrett. | Hawkins, |
| Beaty. | Hicks. |
| Brachfield. | Holland. |
| Chambers. | Looney. |
| Davidson. | Martin. |
| Faust. | Smith. |
| Glasscock. | Stafford. |
| Griggs. | Stokes. |
| Grinnan. | Stone. |
| Hanger. | Terrell. |
| Harper. | Willacy. |

Absent.

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| Decker. | McKamy. |
| Harbison. | Paulus. |
| Hill. | Skinner. |

Absent—Excused.

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| Faulk. | Meachum. |
| Hale. | |

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

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| Barrett. | Hicks. |
| Beaty. | Hill. |
| Chambers. | Holland. |
| Davidson. | Looney. |
| Faust. | Paulus. |
| Glasscock. | Skinner. |
| Griggs. | Stafford. |
| Grinnan. | Stokes. |
| Hanger. | Stone. |

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| Harbison. | Terrell. |
| Harper. | Willacy. |
| Hawkins. | |

Nays—3.

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| Brachfield. | Smith. |
| Martin. | |

Absent.

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| Decker. | McKamy. |
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Absent—Excused.

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| Faulk. | Meachum. |
| Hale. | |

Senator Davidson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 60—NEPOTISM BILL.

The Chair here laid before the Senate, on its second reading and special order for this hour,

Senate bill No. 60, a bill to be entitled "An Act making it an offense punishable by fine and removal from office for any executive, legislative or judicial officer of the State, county, city or other municipal subdivision of the State to appoint or vote for the appointment of any person related to him by affinity or consanguinity within the third degree, to any clerkship, office, position, employment or duty in any department of the government of which executive, legislative or judicial officer may be a member; prohibiting the payment of any such ineligible person out of any public fund, and providing for quo warranto proceedings to oust such offending official and fixing the venue thereof."

There being a majority and a minority committee report to the bill, Senator Looney moved that the minority report, which recommended that the bill do pass, be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Looney offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out Section 5 and insert in lieu thereof as follows:

"Section 5. Every person guilty of violating the provisions of this act shall, independently of or in addition to any criminal prosecution that may be instituted, be removed from office according to the mode of trial and removal prescribed in the Constitution of this State, and by quo warranto proceedings in all cases where the mode of trial and removal is not provided for in the Constitution."

The amendment was adopted.
Senator Looney offered the following amendment:

Amend Section 1, page 1, line 23, by inserting after the word "which," the word "such."

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Stone offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out the word "county" wherever it appears in the bill.

Senator Glasscock offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend by striking out all after the word "State," in line 22, page 1, to the word "of," in line 23, in Section 1.

On motion of Senator Chambers the substitute for the amendment was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

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| Barrett. | Martin. |
| Brachfield. | McKamy. |
| Chambers. | Paulus. |
| Davidson. | Skinner. |
| Grinnan. | Smith. |
| Harper. | Stokes. |
| Hawkins. | Stone. |
| Hicks. | Terrell. |
| Looney. | Willacy. |

Nays—8.

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| Beaty. | Hanger. |
| Faust. | Hill. |
| Glasscock. | Holland. |
| Griggs. | Stafford. |

Absent.

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| Decker. | Harbison. |
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Absent—Excused.

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| Faulk. | Meachum. |
| Hale. | |

Senator Stone then withdrew his amendment.

Senator Smith offered the following amendment:

Amend Section 4 of the bill by adding thereto the following: "Provided that any of the officers mentioned in this section who in the discharge of official duty needs the services of a confidential as well as competent stenographer, clerk or employe, shall have the right to appoint one such person who may be related to him by blood or marriage within the third degree, and where the law authorizes the services of such appointee and pay therefor out of the revenues; and provided further, that the officer making such appointment shall be the sole judge as to whether the public good and the services to be rendered,

or any portion thereof, may be of such a confidential character as to justify the appointment of one so related to him."

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

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| Beaty. | Holland. |
| Faust. | Looney. |
| Glasscock. | McKamy. |
| Griggs. | Paulus. |
| Grinnan. | Smith. |
| Hanger. | Stafford. |
| Harper. | Stokes. |
| Hawkins. | Stone. |
| Hicks. | Willacy. |
| Hill. | |

Nays—8.

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| Barrett. | Harbison. |
| Brachfield. | Martin. |
| Chambers. | Skinner. |
| Davidson. | Terrell. |

Absent.

Decker.

Absent—Excused.

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| Faulk. | Meachum. | S. |
| Hale. | | |

Senator Griggs offered the following amendment:

Amend by inserting after the word "degree" in line 21, page 1, the following: "Who may be inefficient or disqualified for any reason other than that of relationship."

The amendment was, on motion of Senator Chambers, tabled by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

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| Barrett. | Looney. |
| Brachfield. | Martin. |
| Chambers. | McKamy. |
| Davidson. | Paulus. |
| Grinnan. | Skinner. |
| Harbison. | Smith. |
| Harper. | Stokes. |
| Hawkins. | Terrell. |
| Hicks. | |

Nays—10.

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| Beaty. | Hill. |
| Faust. | Holland. |
| Glasscock. | Stafford. |
| Griggs. | Stone. |
| Hanger. | Willacy. |

Absent.

Decker.

Absent—Excused.

Meachum, Faulk,
Hale.

Senator Smith offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by changing the number of Section 6 to 7, and insert a new section in the bill, to be known as Section 6, and to be as follows:

Sec. 6. It shall be unlawful for any executive, legislative or judicial officer to appoint and furnish employment for any person whose services are to be rendered under his direction and control and paid for out of the public funds, and who is related by either blood or marriage within the third degree to any other executive, legislative or judicial officer where such appointment is made in part consideration that such other officer shall appoint and furnish employment to any one so relating to the officer making such appointment.

Any such officer who shall violate the provisions of this section of the act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be punished as provided in Section 3 of this act.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Paulus offered the following amendment.

Amend by inserting after the word "officers," in line 13, page 2, the following: "And boards of managers."

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Davidson offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by adding that the exemptions shall apply only to the Governor, the State Treasurer, the Comptroller's department, Commissioner of the Land Office and Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State government.

Pending.

Senator Terrell offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend the bill by adding to Section 4 the following: "The exemptions provided in this section shall not apply to the Governor, the State Treasurer, the Comptroller, the Land Commissioner, the Railroad Commission, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Commissioner of Insurance, Statistics and History, the Superintendent of Penitentiaries and to all heads of any of the departments of State."

Pending.

Pending discussion on the substitute, Senator Hanger raised the point of order that the substitute was not germane, inasmuch as it sought to leave the bill as it was originally, before the adoption of Senator Smith's amendment.

The Chair ruled that the point was not well taken.

Pending further discussion, the Senate adjourned, with Senator Looney on the floor.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEES —APPOINTMENT OF.

The Chair here announced the appointment of the following Free Conference Committees on part of the Senate:

On Senate bill No. 24: Senators Hill, Hawkins, Hicks, Stafford and Holland.

On Senate bill No. 25: Senators Decker, Willacy, Hill, Skinner and Grinnan.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Hanger, the Senate, at 1 o'clock p. m., adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

APPENDIX.

FLOOR REPORT.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 14, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 201, a bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as the Ballinger independent school district, including within its limits the municipal corporation of the town of Ballinger, and to provide for the creation of a board of trustees thereof, and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect such special taxes, and conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers and authority to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites, and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same, and to pay current expenses in the maintenance and support of said schools, and further prescribing the duties and authorities of said board."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that the same be not printed.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 10, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 165, being "An Act to prohibit malpractice and frauds in the practice of medicine and surgery, and to revoke license,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BARRETT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 10, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 86, being "An Act to amend Articles 146 and 152 of Chapter 2, Title IX, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, so as to provide for monthly meetings of the boards of trustees of the State Asylums and Confederate Home, and allow pay therefor,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BARRETT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 13, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 99, being "An Act to fix the venue of suits in behalf of the State of Texas, upon bonds or other obligations payable to the State, or to the Governor of the State, and which are for the use and benefit of the State; and to authorize such suits to be brought in any county in which the defendants, or either of them, reside, or in the county of Travis,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BARRETT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 10, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 153, being "An Act to amend an act to reorganize the Twenty-seventh, Thirty-third and Thirty-fifth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas, and fix the time for holding court therein, as passed by the Twenty-seventh Legislature, Chapter 64, page 133, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BARRETT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 10, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engross-

ed bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 106, being "An Act to create a criminal District Court for the county of Tarrant, in the State of Texas, and to prescribe the jurisdiction thereof; fix the times for holding the terms of said court; to provide for the appointment and election of the Judges thereof, and to provide for the Sheriff, Clerk and Attorney thereof; to limit and conform thereto the jurisdiction of the District courts of Tarrant county, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BARRETT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 10, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 195, being "An Act to amend Section 13, Chapter 35, Acts of the regular session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, being House bill No. 83, creating a more efficient road system for Rains county, as printed in session Acts, pages 32 to 37, by increasing the per diem pay of the county road commissioner and increasing the maximum pay to four hundred (\$400) dollars per annum, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BARRETT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 10, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 133, being "An Act to amend Chapter 11, Title XCIV, Article 4548, of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to collection of debts from railroad corporations,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BARRETT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 14, 1905.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 123, being "An Act to amend Article 3582a, Title LXXVa, of the Revised Statutes, as amended April 3, 1897, in regard to the Board of Pardon Advisers,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BARRETT, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 13, 1905.
Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 174, being "An Act to amend Section 12 and Section 21 of Chapter 128, of the Acts of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, entitled 'An Act providing a mode by which horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle may be prevented from running at large in certain counties, or in any subdivision of said counties, so that when an election under said law shall be in favor of the stock law that the certificate thereto shall be prima facie evidence of a compliance with the law to put same in force;' also to provide for the punishment of any one violating the provisions of said Act, and emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BARRETT, Chairman.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Wednesday, February 15, 1905.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor Geo. Neal in the chair.

Roll call, quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

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| Barrett. | Hill. |
| Beatty. | Holland. |
| Brachfield. | Looney. |
| Chambers. | Martin. |
| Davidson. | McKamy. |
| Faust. | Paulus. |
| Glasscock. | Skinner. |
| Griggs. | Smith. |
| Hanger. | Stafford. |
| Harbison. | Stokes. |
| Harper. | Stone. |
| Hawkins. | Terrell. |
| Hicks. | Willacy. |

Absent.

Decker.

Absent—Excused.

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| Faulk. | Hale. |
| Grinnan. | Meachum. |

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. H. M. Sears.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Stone, the same was dispensed with.

(See Appendix for committee reports.)

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Glasscock, Senator Grinnan was excused from attendance upon the Senate till Friday on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Glasscock, Senator Faulk was excused from attendance upon the Senate for this week on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Brachfield, Senator Hale was excused from attendance upon the Senate for today on account of sickness.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Smith:

Senate bill No. 211, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2, Title XXI, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Article 650b, authorizing incorporation for two or more distinct purposes and separate franchise tax for each purpose, and with an emergency clause."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Griggs, Hanger, McKamy, Hicks and Beatty:

Senate bill No. 210, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subdivision 1 of Article 3139, Chapter 1, Title LXII, of the Revised Statutes of the States of Texas, relating to qualifications of jurors, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Stafford:

Senate bill No. 212, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3034, Title LVIII, Chapter 1, of the Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to incorporation of insurance companies."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Hicks:

Senate bill No. 213, a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize W. S. Gabriel to institute suit against the State of Texas to ascertain what, if any, unpaid balance of salary is due said W. S. Gabriel, as stenographer of the Supreme Court of the State of Texas and making an appropriation therefor."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senators Paulus and Harper:

Senate bill No. 214, a bill to be entitled "An Act to be prescribed, the duties of the electric telegraph companies as to receiving and transmitting dispatches and messages, and to prescribe penalties thereof, and for other purposes."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.